

REMARKS

The Applicant has carefully considered the Official Action mailed October 28, 2003 and, in view of the Examiner's Arguments, the pending claims have been substantially amended. As now presented, the Applicant believes that Claims 1-17 clearly and unequivocally distinguish the prior art references and, as a result, are in condition for allowance.

In the foregoing amendment, Claim 1 has been amended to detail the electrical box as comprising a housing which defines an interior zone formed by a plurality of cooperating wall members. In addition, the indicia is specifically detailed as being formed on the interior surface of at least one of said wall members of the housing, with the indicia being constructed for providing information regarding the electrical circuit or equipment to which the electrical cable/conduit mounted to the housing is connected.

As fully detailed in the specification associated with this patent application, the present invention is specifically directed to the placement of one or more indicia on the surfaces of an electrical box in order to enable users to quickly and easily immediately know the type of wiring mounted to the box. In this regard, during construction, the indicia can be placed on the electrical box on both the interior surfaces and exterior surfaces thereof.

When the construction is completed, all walls and partitions are mounted in place, and any indicia formed on the outside walls of the electrical box are incapable of being seen by a user. However, by forming the indicia on the interior walls of the electrical box, a user is able to immediately observe the indicia by merely removing the cover plate of the box. Once the indicia is observed, the user immediately recognizes and understands the precise type of wiring mounted to the box. It is this particular configuration of the electrical box which is now specifically defined in amended Claim 1.

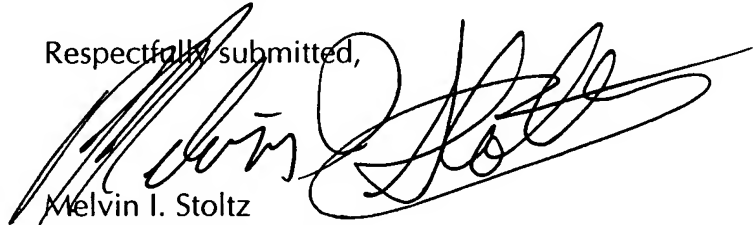
The Applicant maintains that the prior art cited by the Examiner, whether these prior art references are considered individually or in combination, does not in any way teach or suggest incorporating indicia on the inside walls of the electrical box in order to inform a user of the particular wiring mounted to the box. Furthermore, the prior art references fail to realistically provide any teaching or suggestion regarding the benefits attained by the construction now defined in amended Claim 1. As a result, the Applicant maintains that Claim 1, as now amended, is clearly and unequivocally patentable over the cited references and, as a result, is in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-17 are all dependent upon Claim 1 and add novel combinations thereto. For this reason, as well as the reasons detailed above in reference to Claim 1, the Applicant maintains that Claims 2-17 are also in condition for allowance.

Based upon the foregoing Amendment and the arguments presented herein, the Applicant believes that Claims 1-17 are all in condition for allowance, and an early

notice of allowability is earnestly solicited. Of course, if any questions remain which may be resolved by a telephone interview, Applicant's undersigned Attorney would be glad to discuss these issues with the Examiner at the Examiner's convenience. For this reason, Applicant's undersigned Attorney has provided his telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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